

The **A B C**s of Scholarships

Apply, Apply, Apply! and Act now!

- The sooner you begin your search, the more success you are likely to have. Don't procrastinate.
- Start the process early. There are many scholarships available beginning your freshman year of High School.
- Fill out the FAFSA on time your senior year to see if you can qualify for need-based scholarships and financial aid. You may also qualify for "work study" programs through the school you attend.
- Apply for the Regents' Scholarship before the February deadline if you are qualified. For more information visit: <https://stepuputah.com/regents scholarship/>
- Read all the requirements and directions for each scholarship you apply for. Be sure to follow directions, be accurate, detailed and neat with your application, and don't leave any blank spaces.

Begin searching!

- Most scholarships students receive are granted by the college or university itself. **Go to those specific college websites and look for the scholarships they offer.** All colleges have academic scholarships available for students with good grades and high ACT scores, and most offer leadership, departmental and achievement scholarships as well.
- Some of the most common schools for HHS graduates are:

U of U	www.utah.edu	Weber State	www.weber.edu
Utah State	www.usu.edu	USU Eastern	www.eastern.usu.edu
BYU	www.byu.edu	SUU	www.suu.edu
Dixie	www.dixie.edu	SLCC	www.slcc.edu
Snow	www.snow.edu	UVU	www.uvu.edu
BYU Idaho	www.byui.edu	Westminster	www.westminstercollege.edu

* You can link directly to these college websites from the Herriman High School Counseling Website. Click on the Scholarship tab.

Continue the search!

- There are millions of dollars in private scholarships available which are based on varied criteria such as career choice, ethnicity, gender, essay, volunteerism and other unique qualifications. **The best way to access these is through internet search sites.** When accessing these sites, remember that .com websites are generally sponsored by businesses working for a profit, while .org websites are sponsored by non-profit organizations. By accessing the .com searches, you run the risk of being solicited by those hoping to make money. It is a good idea to set up a separate email account just for scholarship purposes. Reputable websites should not ask you to pay to access their scholarship searches. Reputable scholarships should not ask you to include payment with your application. **Please DO NOT SEND MONEY when applying for, or searching for scholarships.**
- Although there are many scholarship search sites, here are a few that we recommend for starters:

» www.utahfutures.org	» www.unigo.com	» www.goodcall.com
» www.cappex.com	» www.fastweb.com	» www.scholarships.com
» www.chegg.com/scholarships	» www.tuitionfundingsources.com	

Document!

- Keep a running list of accomplishments, awards, service opportunities, academic success, and extracurricular activities. Think about anything that makes you unique (for example: first-generation student, ethnicity, religion, special talents or traits, obstacles overcome, career interests, etc.)
- Be sure to document any and all service you have done, including time spent and signatures of supervisors.
- Make a calendar of scholarships you would like to apply for and pay attention to due dates.
- Keep a copy of each scholarship submission including any essays, and make sure to save login and password information for any online application.

Enlist the help of everyone around you!

- Check with your employer if you have a job. Some offer money for college.
- Have your parents check with their employers. Many companies do not advertise that they have scholarship money for dependents of their employees. You may not know until you ask!
- Have someone check through any applications and essays you may write to proofread them before submitting.
- If you need a letter of recommendation, be sure to give the person you are asking plenty of time, at least 2 weeks. It is helpful to give them a list of your accomplishments and goals so they can write a better letter.
- Talk to your teachers and counselor about your educational goals. They may know of opportunities for you.
- Come to the Counseling Center at HHS and talk to the scholarship specialist.

Follow up with all the resources we have at Herriman High School!

- Earn a Key Card through Keys to Success. Specific scholarships are offered to seniors from our school every year in the spring through this program.
- Watch the scholarship page at counseling.herrimanhigh.org and search our own scholarship database. It is frequently updated and is arranged by month the application is due.
- Attend the scholarship workshops offered on Thursdays during MAP time and after school from 2:30- 3pm in the Career Center Lab located right next to the Counseling Center.
- Talk to our scholarship specialist, Mrs. Flandro or your counselor about scholarship opportunities.
- Follow us on Twitter: @HHS_counseling
- Subscribe to receive HHS scholarship update texts or e-mails on REMIND:
Seniors: text @mustang17 to 81010 or visit www.remind.com/join/mustang17
Juniors: text @mustang18 to 81010 or visit www.remind.com/join/mustang18
Sophomores: text @mustang19 to 81010 or visit www.remind.com/join/mustang19
Freshmen: text @mustang20 to 81010 or visit www.remind.com/join/mustang20

Give it time!

- Be persistent. Try to spend regular and consistent time searching for and applying for scholarships. Try to commit at least 1-2 hours each week to the process.
- Put in that study time and strive to keep grades up.
- Take and re-take college entrance exams such as the ACT. Many students who re-take the ACT improve their scores. This can translate into a big difference in scholarship money offered.